

Approved by the Board of Trustees
September 10, 2015

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ROLL CALL

INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET FOR RENOVATION, NATURAL HISTORY BUILDING, URBANA

Action: Increase Project Budget for Renovation, Natural History Building

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund, and Gift Funds

In December 2011, the Board approved the \$70.0 million project to modernize and repurpose approximately 148,000 gross square feet (gsf) of instructional, research laboratory, and office space, while also infilling 6,000 gsf of open courtyard space with new multi-story areas for building infrastructure. In March 2014, the Board approved a \$3,435,091 budget increase to the project for improvements and upgrades to infrastructure including plumbing, laboratory exhaust, electrical systems, code compliant facility requisites, and energy efficient mechanical (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems. Subsequently, as the project has proceeded through construction, extensive unforeseen conditions have been encountered in this more than 120-year-old historic facility, including structural damage from previous fires, unstable frozen concrete floors, unexpected wall penetrations, and hazardous material containing cinder fill. Consequently, in order to complete this project, additional construction contingency must be added, increasing the budget by \$3.0 million.

Therefore, in order to proceed with the project, it is necessary to increase the project budget to cover these additional costs. With the additional funds, the project cost has been estimated at \$76,435,091 (including contingencies and escalation).

Accordingly, the Acting Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Acting Vice President, University of Illinois with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board approve the increase in project budget for this project to \$76,435,091, an increase of \$3.0 million.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana-Champaign campus, Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund, and gift funds.

The President of the University concurs.